

INDIANA LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Saturday, September 7, 2024

The Third Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association was held at Badlands Off Road Park in Attica, IN, on Saturday, September 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Stull at 2:10 p.m. EDST.

Chris Smidler moved to have an open agenda. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes: The minutes from the June 2024 meeting had been emailed to board members. Bryan Noggle moved to accept the minutes as reported. Todd Gross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Smidler read the written treasurer's report. Total assets = \$191,240.33. Nanci Gutwein reported that \$5000 was used to purchase Drainage History books for each county in the state. The state convention entertainment expense has been paid as well as most of the summer convention expense. James Ramsey moved to accept the treasurer's report. Tony Cain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Presidents's Report: Joe Stull reported this summer has been a busy time. He told the group that he had spoken to William Harriman who had surgery this week for a brain tumor. He is in rehab now and doing well so far. More treatment may follow. Nanci told the group that Darrell Birge has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is waiting for more tests. She sent around cards to be signed for both William and Darrell.

National Report: Tony Cain reported that the summer convention in Pittsburgh went well even though attendance was down. Eileen Levy will be retiring as of January 1, 2025. Allison Hack will take over most of Eileen's duties. The Drainage History Book is out. Copies need to be hand delivered to libraries with a cover letter explaining what the book is and why it is important.

Area Directors' Reports: Keith Miller said he has been contacted about a drainage project in conjunction with the Huey Museum near Grisson Air Force Base. More details will be forthcoming.

Executive Director's Report: Nanci Gutwein presented a written report detailing her activities. She will be sending out information for membership renewals and dues soon.

Technical Advisor's Report: Mike Cox was unable to attend the meeting, but had emailed Nanci with the results of the pricing survey. There were just 10 responses.

Legislative Report: James Ramsey reported that there will be some topics of interest to the members coming in the next session of the legislature. These include: possible service tax to help offset proposed property tax cuts, water quantity (not quality) issues, and reworking of the Indiana Drainage Handbook. The committee to work on the handbook changes will include people from government, agriculture and other sources.

Old Business:

Nanci Gutwein reported that she will be sending out convention registration forms with the dues forms. Members who pay their dues will receive a free ticket to NACADE. It was decided that the banquet tickets will be set at \$75.

New Business:

Nanci Gutwein announced that the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water conference will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 22-24, 2024. Nanci will attend as well as Tony Cain. This conference should be a good membership drive opportunity. A set of indoor banners matching the outdoor set used at the state fair this year will be made by Margison Graphics in New Castle to be used at this conference as well as NACADE and other shows. The expense falls within Nanci's prior approved advertising budget.

Purdue Field Day – There will be a project coming up at one of the Lafayette farms, but no details or bid packages have come out yet. Davis-Purdue and NEPAC both have drainage needs, but money has to come available before they will be offered. Purdue contact personnel: ACRE farm manager is Rachel Stevens rhstevens@purdue.edu or 404-245-0195 and regional farm director is Jon Leuck leuckj@purdue.edu or 765-494-8368.

National is planning to hold a fishing derby at St. Joseph College with proceeds benefitting the Veterans' Foundation.

During the meeting, Tony spoke to Gerry Biuso and learned that there are 200 Drainage History Books left. He also reported that at the next board meeting, Allison's duties will be finalized.

James Ramsey stated that if no Purdue field days materialize for next year, a private project might be considered.

There being no further business, Chris Smidler moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Noggle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frieda Pickering, Recording Secretary

Attendees:

President -	Joe Stull
Vice-President -	Keith Miller
Treasurer -	Chris Smidler
Executive Director -	Nanci Gutwein
Recording Sec -	Frieda Pickering
SE Director -	John Pickering
	James Ramsey
SW Director -	Rob Wood
NE Director -	Todd Gross
NW Director -	Sam Baker
At-Large -	Bryan Noggle
INLICA Ladies -	Brenda Noggle
	Sally Smidler
	Kate Miller

Members not attending:

NW Director -	Nate Miller
	John Hack II
NE Director -	Guil Wehr, Jr.
	Kevin Hohman
SW Director -	Dean Neiswinger
	William Harriman
SE Director -	Mike Koehne
Associates -	Brenden Noggle
	Neal Hall
	Steve Holtzleiter